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1. EMBASSY ADVISED BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) THAT SUBJECT DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING BRAZIL-NIGERIA-BRAZIL FREIGHT CONFERENCE IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO SHIPPING COMPANIES, LLOYD BRASILERIO OF BRAZIL AND NIGERBRAS OF NIGERIA, AND NOT A BILATERAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. THEREFORE FMG CAN PROVIDE NO COPIES. FMG, HOWEVER, FULLY APPROVES OF AGREEMENT WHOSE SIGNING IN BRAZIL WAS WITNESSED BY AN MOT OFFICIAL THERE ON OTHER BUSINESS.

2. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NEW CONFERENCE AGREEMENT, THE TWO SHIPPING COMPANIES WILL OPERATE JOINT SHIPPING SERVICES COVERING TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. FREIGHT REVENUES REALIZED WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY. TRADE BETWEEN BRAZIL AND NIGERIA REACHED \$330 MILLION APRIL 1, 1975 - MARCH 31, 1976 MAKING BRAZIL NIGERIA'S LARGEST THIRD WORLD TRADING PARTNER.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES APPROACH TO NIGERBRAS FOR COPY OF AGREEMENT MIGHT RAISE COMPANY'S SUSPICION OF EMBASSY

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